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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #13

Mr Garrity's Afternoon Tea

Well done to all those students who have been rewarded with afternoon tea – keep up the good work!



Supporting Your Child With Reading

The attached document provides parents with ways they can support their child with reading at home.

Chatsworth Art Trip






Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 Art and Art Textiles students enjoyed a festive trip to Chatsworth House and Gardens this week. After a walk around the gardens, they enjoyed a tour of the house, which was beautifully decorated for Christmas. Behaviour was impeccable and a great day was had by all.





QEGS GCSE Music student, Tara Link, is now on Spotify and Apple Music

Singer-songwriter, Tara Link, who is currently studying GCSE Music in Year 11 at QEGS has recently released 5 of her songs on several music streaming platforms, including Spotify and Apple Music. A very talented singer-songwriter, Tara has been performing gigs in the local area for a number of years, as well as performing at concerts and school events. She has now released her first EP, available to listen online now!! If you want to hear Tara perform live, she will be performing a newly written song at the QEGS Christmas Concert on Thursday 14th December. Tickets available from www.qegs.link/tickets

Top result	Songs	
 Tara Link Artist	 Butterflies Tara Link	2:30
	 More Hate Than Love Tara Link	2:07
	 Memory Box Tara Link	2:57
	 Why Her? Tara Link	3:50

ABRSM Exam Success!!

Last week we had 15 students from QEGS sitting their ABRSM Music grade exams ranging from grade 1 to grade 6 on a wide variety of musical instruments. The students did very well indeed, with some achieving merits and distinctions. Entering the ABRSM graded exams gives the students a structure to their musical learning, developing not only their skills on their instruments, but also improving their general musicianship. We will be hosting another exam session in the Spring Term. A massive well done to all students and a huge thank you to their instrumental teachers.

Choir @ Ashbourne Lodge

On Tuesday 5th December, the choir visited Ashbourne Lodge Care Home on Derby Road to provide some festive entertainment for their residents. The choir sang a range of traditional carols in 4-part harmony, with many of the residents singing along. The performance was incredibly well-received by the residents and staff at Ashbourne lodge, and it was wonderful to see the students bringing some festive joy to others. They were a credit to the music department and to themselves. Well done and thank you to the choir.

Dates for your Diary

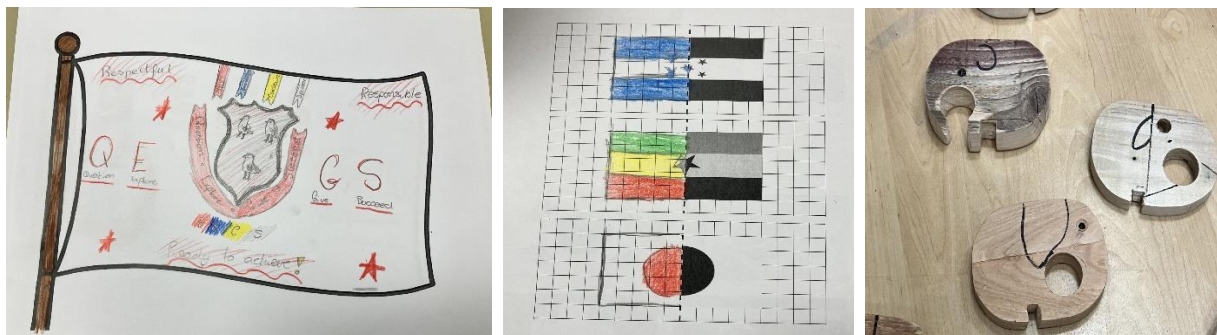
Friday 8th December: Choir singing at the Lantern Parade, Ashbourne Market Place @ 7pm

Thursday 14th December @ 7.30pm in QEGS main hall. Tickets available from www.qegs.link/tickets

Primary Culture Day

On Tuesday 5th December, we welcomed nearly 100 primary school children to our Primary Culture Day. The theme of the day was flags and all children rotated around workshops in Maths, English, Languages, Design Technology and Life at QEGS. Our Year 7 'Transition' Student Leaders were on hand to assist with the running of day and supporting the primary

children. Huge thank you to Zofia H, Lucy H, Trudy T, Harry O, Ollie B and Isla P for your help in making the day a great success!



Biology

A level Biology students in the process of making a stop motion video of DNA replication!



KS3 Science/STEM Club

Students had a great time last week blowing up balloons with an acid and alkali reaction and then figuring out how to get a balloon onto the inside of a conical flask looking at differences in air pressure. KS3 Science/STEM Club runs in room 401 each week with Mrs Tubby and Ms Watson Jones.

Sixth Form Update

On 28th November, Year 13 Psychologists and Sociologists attended the Hodder Criminology Conference at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. The day involved lectures from academics in criminological research and accounts from reformed criminals of their experiences of the criminal justice system, including a former 'mafia princess'. The day enriched the Forensics unit in A-Level Psychology and the Crime and Deviance unit in A-Level Sociology. It also gave a taste of Sociology and Psychology at university level, along with an insight into careers in criminology. A very inspiring day!

The topic in Year 13 Life skills this week was the Criminal Justice System. PC Stanton introduced the students to the typical process followed after a crime is reported. Briony Pietryka, from the Crown Prosecution Service then spoke on the role of the CPS in preparing cases for trial, providing charging advice to the police and conducting the prosecution case. Forensic Entomologist, Kate Barnes, gave a detailed overview of the contribution insects can make to the evidence in a case. It was fascinating to learn how the state of a blowfly can pinpoint the time a crime took place, or its location. Finally, Mrs Thrupp talked about her experience of the work in the Crown Court from when she was a Listing Officer and Court Clerk at Wolverhampton Crown Court. Over the next couple of weeks students will be considering the manifestos of the three main political parties.

Year 12 are completing their Core Skills elements by working on their presentation skills. All students have prepared and delivered a careers presentations to their forms. Careers as diverse as anthropology, the theatre paramedicine and clinical psychology have been on the agenda. Throughout the two years in Sixth Form we return to the topic of employability, making applications and interview skills, together with navigating university applications and information about degree apprenticeships and gap years.

QEGSMAT Vacancies

Please keep an eye on our vacancies at QEGS and within the trust. Further details can be found at:

<https://www.qegsmat.com/current-vacancies/>

Canteen School Meals

Next week's canteen menu is the following:-

Week 2: <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/week-2.pdf>

Upcoming Key Dates This Term:

- 12th December – Observatory community open event – 6pm-8pm
- 14th December - Music concert
- 14th December - Year 11 rugby and hockey house matches
- 15th December - Year 7 rugby and hockey house matches
- 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day
- 18th December - Year 8 and 9 rugby and hockey house matches
- 19th December - Year 10 rugby and hockey house matches
- 20th December - House swimming gala
- 20th December - Parent/carer coffee morning
- 21st December - Speech Day
- 22nd December - Last day of term

Your menu				
Week 2				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
B R E A K	B R E A K	B R E A K	B R E A K	B R E A K
Chilli baked egg with a tortilla V (Eggs baked in spicy tomato sauce) Buttered toast V Bacon cab Buttered bagel V Pizza crumpet V	Bacon with cream cheese bagel Buttered toast V Sausage cab Buttered crumpet V Pizza slice V	Brunch muffin V (Quorn sausage patty & poached egg in a muffin) Buttered toast V Bacon cab Buttered toadie V Pitta pizza V	Cheese and bean toastie V Buttered toast V Bacon cab Buttered bagel V Pizza wrap V	Curry filled naan Buttered toast V Bacon cab Crouton V Pizza slice V
G R A B & G O	G R A B & G O	G R A B & G O	G R A B & G O	G R A B & G O
Parfaits Cheese & ham panini Dish chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Mediterranean pasta bowl V Sub Meatball sub	Parfaits Cheese & ham panini Sweet chili chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Americana pasta bowl V Burrito Roasted veg Burrito V	Parfaits Cheese & ham panini Piri piri chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Creamy tomato and spinach pasta bowl V Cub Roast of the day	Parfaits Cheese & ham panini Mediterranean chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Pomodoro pasta bowl V Other Gnocchi	Parfaits Cheese & ham panini BBQ chicken wrap or panini Jacket potato With a selection of fillings & toppings Pasta pot Macaroni cheese bowl V Sandwich Fish finger sandwich
M A I N	M A I N	M A I N	M A I N	M A I N
Big breakfast or Vegan breakfast V Served with hash browns, baked beans, and baked beans Apricot oat cookie Chocolate brownie Sticky apple sponge	Spaghetti bolognese or Vegan V Served with homemade garlic bread and fresh salad Lemon shortbread slice Chocolate cracker Fruity yoghurt crunch	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding and gravy or Baked egg, spinach, and cheese tart V Served with creamed potatoes, seasonal vegetables Cherry & coconut cookie Berry muffin Simp sponge	Chicken Korma or Cauliflower and green bean Korma V Served with rice, seasonal vegetables, and naan Cookie Cranberry bar Chocolate pear cake	Buttered fish or Macaroni cheese V Served with chips, peas, and baked beans Chocolate cookie Ragout Lemon sponge
All main and Grab & Go menu options are part of the main cost			Fresh fruit & yoghurt available daily	
FOOD CENTRAL			V = Vegan V = Vegetarian	
			For information regarding allergens please speak with the school.	

Finally

As we move in to the final two weeks prior to the Christmas break it has been lovely to see students maintaining excellent attendance and arriving to their classes in a punctual and engaged manner. Despite the weather yesterday's trip to Chatsworth was a fantastic event and it was lovely to hear that staff and students found the trip both informative and inspiring.

We have a busy schedule over the course of the coming days and I am particularly excited ahead of the Christmas jumper day on the 15th as well as the speech day. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Amps
Headteacher